Development of Tourist centres in Uttranchal

†295. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist destinations earmarked in the country which are proposed to be further developed for the benefit of tourists under the current Five Year Plan;

(b) whether such tourist destinations have also been identified in Uttranchal with the help of Central assistance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Tourism projects for development of destinations are identified in consultation with concerned State Govemment/UT Administrations every year and sanctioned on merit subject to availability of funds. All the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State Government of Uttranchal have been requested to send specific project proposals for consideration during 2004-05.

Promotion of Health Tourism

296. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to promote health tourism in the country;

(b) whether any proposal for this purpose has been prepared by the Ministry of Tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of Tourism has identified or targeted any section or sector to help in promoting Indian tourism in other countries of the world; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health

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